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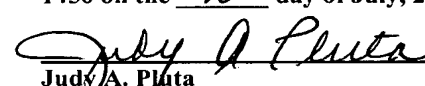


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:)
Randal Howard Kerstetter III, et al.)
For: COMPOSITE HAVING)
RUBBER COMPOUND WITH)
HYDROTALCITE)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, Applicants respond as follows.